

**News Release** 

## DeMaio Praises Volunteers Who are Making a Difference in Rancho Bernardo

First Annual Recognition Event Designed to Get More Individuals Engaged in Community Service

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San Diego – One year ago Councilmember Carl DeMaio tasked several Rancho Bernardo leaders with creating an event to promote volunteerism in the community. Yesterday DeMaio took part in the "Hats Off to Volunteers" event that highlighted the importance and accomplishments of several volunteers and groups who participated in activities ranging from helping seniors to coaching youth.

The Strength of a community is rooted in the involvement of its members in service activities. "As local governments continue to struggle with severe budget deficits, our communities must continue to rely on volunteers to fill in gaps and safeguard our neighborhoods." DeMaio noted. "This event not only honors some very exceptional people, it's also an opportunity to discuss future projects and where we go from here."

The "Hats Off to Volunteers Event" was sponsored by Councilmember Carl DeMaio's office, and the RB Community Foundation. Over 50 groups and organizations took part.

For more information regarding this event please contact Jeff Powell at 619-236-6655

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